



# WIMBLEDON CHASE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I do hope that you and your family are enjoying the summer break and are feeling healthy and relaxed.

Following the latest government guidance, we will be able to start the school term under more normal circumstances but with some safety systems in place which I have highlighted below.

## First Day arrangements

- School will start for pupils on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September for Years 1-6, Ark & Study
- The school doors will open at **8.45am** and the children will **register at 8.50am**  
The pick up times are;
- Years 1 & 2 at **3.20pm**
- Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 at **3.30pm**
- These are the school times that were in place before the pandemic.
- (Nursery and Reception have been informed of their individual start dates and times for the first week of term).

Children in Years 1 & 2 will line up at 8.50am at the following places and will be picked up by their class teachers. They will also be in the same places for the end of school pick up at 3.20pm.

CLASS	PLACE
1A - Miss Bialkowski	Slope next to gym
1B - Miss Murphy	Dining hall playground
1C - Mrs Baines	Slope by 1C classroom
2A - Ms Zealey/Mrs Qadir	Year 2 area (Y2 door)
2B - Mrs Sharief/Mrs Newell	Year 2 area (Y2 door)
2C - Mrs Sankey	Year 2 area (Y2 door)

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Children in Years 3 to 6 will make their way directly into school when the doors open at 8.45am so that they are in class by 8.50am. Details of where they should enter school and where they will be for pick up at 3.30pm are as below.

CLASS	MORNING SCHOOL ENTRANCE	PICK UP @ 3.30pm
Year 3	Door at slope next to gym	Football area in playground
Year 4	Door at Year 2 area	Slope next to gym
Year 5	Dining hall playground	Dining hall playground
Year 6	Dining hall playground	Dining hall playground
Ark & Study	Dining hall playground	Dining hall playground

We are still asking parents to **keep socially distanced** on the school premises and to keep back from the class drop off points and teachers in the morning.

### **Government Advice**

Even though the advice is that there will be far fewer restrictions than were in place in the Summer Term, we will still be constantly reviewing our procedures to make sure that we can feel safe and confident at school.

The main changes are:

**1. Mixing and 'bubbles'**

Keeping pupils or students in year group or classroom bubbles to reduce mixing is no longer a requirement.

**2. Tracing close contacts**

Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace. Education settings are no longer expected to undertake contact tracing.

**3. Face coverings**

Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors where social distancing can be adhered to.

### **The following remains the same:**

Coronavirus hasn't gone away so there will still be a need for schools, pupils and students to follow basic measures to avoid the spread of the virus:

1. Testing remains important in reducing the risk of transmission of infection within schools.
2. Ensuring good hygiene including frequent and thorough hand cleaning and the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
3. Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes.
4. Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.
5. Following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID.

**For us at school this means:**

- Children can play together and there is no specific 'bubbling'.
- Children will still eat their lunch in year groups and we will still have different morning play times for Years 1-6.
- There will be 'physical' assemblies throughout the week.
- We will continue to wash and sanitise throughout the day - this will help prevent the spread of COVID as well as seasonal flu and bugs.
- Children will continue to wear their PE kits to school on the days that they have PE.
- We will be asking parents and visitors to wear masks and hand sanitise when they come into the school building, where social distancing is not possible.
- Parents will have a choice of virtual or face to face meetings (more information will be sent nearer each event).
- We will continue to wipe down equipment - soft furnishings will be kept out of circulation until the government review at the end of September.

There will of course be children and families who still have COVID symptoms. For children or staff with COVID symptoms the procedure is as before; stay at home and get a PCR test. If they are positive then carry out self-isolation as before.

However, the main change in this situation is that close contacts who are under 18.5 years of age or have been fully vaccinated do not need to self isolate. The NHS will carry out the track and tracing and not the school.

**For us at school this means:**

- We will not be sending home bubbles or classes as before.
- We will not be track and tracing as the NHS will now be doing this.
- If a pupil or member of staff is asked to get a PCR test as a result of contact with a positive case they may continue to attend education/work until they get the result of their PCR back.
- If a child has symptoms the school will send the child home to get a PCR test but not any close contacts.
- Remote Learning will be provided for children self-isolating who are well enough to access it.

If there are a number of cases in school, particularly in the same class or year group then the COVID team has an Outbreak Management Plan in place and will liaise quickly with Public Health England.

Please can I ask families to check the Government's foreign travel advice regarding quarantine requirements on return from holidays.

The school is expecting further government advice as the term progresses and we will share this with you as soon as we can, including updating our Frequently Asked Questions on the school website.

Enjoy the rest of the summer break and we look forward to seeing you next week.

Best wishes



Mr. K. Ellis  
**Headteacher**